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MSSD to hold fall dance concert

MSSD's Performing Arts Program, under the artistic direction of Marcia Freeman, will present its ninth annual Fall Dance Concert on Nov. 16, 17, and 18.

The event, to be held at 8 p.m. in the MSSD Auditorium, with a Nov. 17 matinee performance at 10:30 a.m., brings five choreographers and two invited groups to campus to perform in jazz, modern, and African dance styles.

For the Friday and Saturday night performances, MSSD students will be joined by members of the Oakland Mills High School advanced dance ensemble from Columbia, Md., and by members of the KanKouran West African Junior Dance Company of Washington, D.C.

Choreographer Mel Manco has worked at MSSD in the 1981 and 1982 concerts and is choreographing a Bob Fosse-style jazz dance for the program. For the first time, MSSD students are working on a modern dance number with internationally known choreographer Sharon Wyrrick, who has her own professional company and who recently won a Mayor's Art Award in D.C. for excellence in dance.

Choreographer Earl Lucas is returning for the third straight year. He is teaching a jazz character dance to Benny Goodman music. Also back for the third year is Wilhelmina Joseph, lead female dancer with KanKouran, who is combining several African dances for students, with live professional drummers. Jessica Ames, a dance major at Oberlin College and visiting student at Gallaudet this fall, is creating a modern dance using images from sports.

Tickets are \$3 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for others. For reservations and information, call



Cast members of "The House of Blue Leaves," the fall Theatre Arts Department production, take a break during rehearsals. The play continues Nov. 16, 17, and 18 in Elstad Auditorium.

AIDS grant helps black deaf people

Deafpride, Inc., has been awarded a two-year grant to explore the impact of AIDS in the black deaf community.

The grant, given by the Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, will fund the efforts of a coalition of D.C.-based organizations including Gallaudet University, Deafpride, Progressive Life, Inc., Us Helping Us, and Black Deaf Advocates.

The group will explore what black deaf people know, think, and feel about AIDS; recruit and train black deaf people to become AIDS educators and peer counselors; and develop and implement effective AIDS education strategies in their community.

Project organizers said that the work of a number of community educators has shown that unless information is targeted directly to a particular community by its own members, the community may continue to believe that AIDS

is a disease that affects others, not themselves. Although the project is directed toward the black deaf community in the metropolitan Washington area, it has the potential for affecting all minority deaf communities.

For additional information, call Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, project manager at Gallaudet, x5096 (V/TDD); or Elizabeth Aviles, AIDS education coordinator at Deafpride, Inc., x6700 (TDD).

Breakfast program helps homeless

Students in Barbara White's undergraduate "Field of Social Work" class recently came face to face with people in need when they cooked and served breakfast at Miriam's Kitchen, a program that serves breakfast every day to about 250 homeless people.

"It sensitized the students to the real life complexities of the homeless," said White. "When they were asked if they wanted to eat too, most declined. It was sobering for them, and they feel that all Gallaudet students should have this exposure."

White and Catherine Moses, associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, hope to continue serving people at Miriam's Kitchen. They are looking for faculty, staff, and student volunteers to work at the kitchen on Nov. 20 and some time in December. White and Moses hope to be able to raise a full crew—about 12 people—to work one day each month.

Miriam's Kitchen is housed in the Western Presbyterian Church on H Street in Northwest Washington. Laura-Jean Gilbert, director of Gallaudet's

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SAC elections set for Thursday

Four new representatives to Gallaudet's Staff Advisory Committee will be elected this Thursday, Nov. 16, to replace current members who have served out their two-year terms.

The Staff Advisory Committee solicits information from the campus community related to appropriate staff issues, serves as a liaison between staff and policy-making bodies on campus, reviews and develops new policies and procedures related to staff, and meets regularly with President King Jordan to make recommendations and share information.

The elections will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff members can vote for one representative from their respective areas at the locations (and with the contact people) listed below:

President's Office

Cheryl Barto—National Information
Center on Deafness
Vivian Stevens—President's Office,
Planning
Pat Thompson—President's Office
Location: Bettye Radden, College Hall,
Room B-19

Pre-College

Pat Yates, Special Opportunities Program, MSSD (write-in votes are also encouraged) Location: Maral Taylor, KDES, Room 3400

Academic Affairs

Sharon Hauptman, Extension and Summer Programs Elizabeth Remington, Assessment and Demographic Studies Ethylyn DeStefano, Sign Communication Location: Paul Singletary, Fowler Hall, Room 206

Administration and Business

Lloyd Ballinger, Networks and Communications Larry Stroup, Vice President's Office Mike Lockhart, Contracts and Purchasing Location: Peter Goodman, College Hall, Room 310

No Northwest Campus representative is being chosen because representative Flo Minger still has another year of her term to serve. Other representatives whose terms do not expire until next year are Cindi Olson, President's Office; Maral Taylor, Pre-College; Brenda Keller, Administration and Business; and Paul Singletary, Academic Affairs. A second position on the SAC has been added for the President's Office this year because of the expanded population in that area due to the reorganization.

All staff members in areas where positions are vacant are encouraged to express their opinions and vote for the candidate of their choice.

Health benefits Open Season begins

Open Season for employees' health benefits programs will begin Monday, Nov. 13, and continue through Dec. 8

During Open Season, all regular and extended temporary employees who have at least one year of service may change their health insurance plans or options. This means employees can change insurance companies, switch from "self only" to "self and family" coverage, change from "low option" to "high option," or sign up for health insurance for the first time.

To help employees evaluate their current health plans and consider new plans, the Personnel Office will present "How to Choose a Health Plan" on Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. in Ely Auditorium. Representatives of various health plans will be available to answer employees'

questions at the Health Benefits Fair on Dec. 4 in the Ely Multipurpose Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

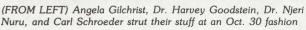
Employees who wish to change plans or sign up for the first time must complete a Health Benefits Registration Form and submit it to Personnel, College Hall, Room 7, by 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Forms are available in College Hall, Room 7; KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 204C; HMB, Room 109; CUB, Maintenance and Operations Administrative Office; and Northwest Campus, Dean's Office.

Health insurance chosen during Open Season will become effective on Jan. 14, 1990, and the first payroll deduction will occur in the Feb. 6 paycheck.

People with questions can call Personnel at x5111 or x5352.









show held to benefit the Linwood Smith Scholarship Fund. The show, coordinated by Gilchrist, raised more than \$850 for the fund.

'Ole Jim' menu

Turkey and Stuffing Cranberry Sauce Vegetable Dessert

Gallaudet engineer gives time, money to help D.C. youth center reopen

When Jack Jagtiani, a building engineer with Utilities Services at Gallaudet, learned that the Midtown Youth Academy in Northwest Washington had been closed by the city on 16 fire code violations following the electrocution of a 6-year-old boy, he decided to take steps so that the center could reopen as soon as possible.

The academy is a haven for neighborhood youth, giving them an opportunity for productive activities, away from what is believed to be one of the worst drug markets in the city. "The kids are on the street and have nowhere else to go," Jagtiani said.

"They see other kids with new bikes and new jackets and they want them, and they think selling drugs is a way to get them. The center keeps them from thinking those ideas."

So Jagtiani took the \$8,000 he had been saving for a trip home to his native India and hired nine unemployed men from three city shelters. Along with some additional volunteers, including Carroll McAbee, supervisor of structural finishing in the University's Department of Maintenance Services, the crew went to work refurbishing the center.

For two weeks the men worked at the center, often late into the night, repainting, rewiring, replacing walls, doors, stairs, and railings, installing fire extinguishers and new exit signs, and

population. In fact, his reputation for helping others has given him the nickname "Roving Ambassador" by his coworkers here. "It's always better to help somebody else. That's the way I was brought up, said Jagtiani. He explained that when he was a youth in India, his family always had two grocery accounts—one

doing other work necessary to bring the

facility up to the standards of the city's

fire code. In early September, Midtown

The campaign Jagtiani spearheaded

Youth Academy re-opened to the 60

became the focus of media attention.

Jagtiani was featured in an article in

The Washington Post and was inter-

viewed for news programs on local affiliates of CBS, NBC, and ABC

television networks, as well as several

radio stations. Channel 7 named Jag-

bor of the Week" recently, and the

center presented him with a trophy.

tiani "Person of the Week" and "Neigh-

Jagtiani, a 12-year employee at Gal-

laudet, is accustomed to doing charita-

feeds and clothes the district's homeless

ble acts. He is a strong supporter of

Martha's Table, an organization that

youngsters who actively use it.

For this reason, he said that he is uncomfortable about the praise that has been heaped on him over the Midtown Youth Academy action. "I think the whole thing has been blown out of proportion," he said. "There are lots of people who do many things to help the community and get no recognition.

for themselves and one to provide food

for poor people in the streets.



Jack Jagtiani works as a first class engineer with Utilities Service at Gallaudet.



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Friday, Nov. 17

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Iced Tea, Coffee

Announcements

Congressman and Board of Trustees member Steve Gunderson will speak on Nov. 15 from 12:15-1 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room on his contact with Gallaudet, activities during DPN, and ways in which the deaf community can continue to become more politically empowered. The lecture is part of the empowerment series offered by the National Academy's Professional and Community Training Program.

Pat Johanson, coordinator of Professional and Community Training, will present "Polygamy in America: One Family's Story" on Monday, Nov. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Ely Multipurpose Room. The lecture, sponsored by Sociology and Social Work, is open to all.

Kendall School children will celebrate National Children's Book Week Nov. 13-17 by making bookmarks and displays that represent their favorite books. Their work can be viewed in the KDES main hall all week. For information call Martha French at x3034 or x5504.

Everyone is invited to the "KDES Technology Fair" Nov. 15 from 7-9 p.m. in the KDES lobby. Companies displaying their wares include National Captioning Institute, Gallaudet Assistive Devices Lab, Nationwide Flashing Signal Systems, Potomac Technology, Telecommunications of the Deaf Inc., Telecommunications Exchange for the Deaf Inc. (TEDI), Bicultural Center, Erol's Video, and Deaf Entrepreneur Council. For more information, call Sue Mather at x3212 (TDD) or Susanne Scott at x5528 (V/TDD).

"Inside Gallaudet," a monthly halfhour television program broadcast daily on Gallaudet Channel 33, is also sent to regional centers and local cable companies. Anyone with information for the program can call Laura Harvey at x5115.

Help needed to serve breakfast

continued from page 1 Publications and Production Department, works at the kitchen two days a week and also staffs the kitchen with volunteers each day. When she mentioned her work to White, White pursued the idea of involving her students.

Most of the staff at the kitchen are street people themselves, said Moses. At first they were nervous about the Gallaudet students and sign language, she said. But once they saw the speed and efficiency of the students and their signing, they responded positively.

White has been involved with other programs serving homeless people. "But there is something about the early morning experience, when you're serving people who have slept on the street and are coming in from the cold, that really goes through you," she said.

Anyone interested in working at Miriam's Kitchen on Nov. 20 or in December, should contact White by E-Mail (BJWhite).

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to On the Green, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. There will be no issue Nov. 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

FOR SALE: Microwave/TV table, \$40; small dining table, \$50; large mirror, \$20; must sell, prices neg. Call B.J., 543-7146 (TDD) eves

FOR SALE: Apple Imagewriter LQ Printer, 120 column w/stand, new, must sell, \$850. Call Lucy, 589-4851 (V) or 546-8202 (V/TDD)

FOR SALE: Red/blue country plaid couch and love seat w/country blue braided rug, exc. cond., \$600/BO. Call Andy, x8-5816 or 8-5812.

WANTED: Tube audio amplifiers and preamplifiers, working or nonworking, preferrably donated, but small sums of cash avail. Call Jim, x6467.

FOR SALE: 1-BR condo on 10th floor of high rise in Rockville, Md., indoor garage space, DW, disposal, new refrigerator, closets galore, parquet floors, answering service, security, tennis courts, pool, exercise room, private park, near Grosvenor Metro, Beltway, Rt. 270, and White Flint and Montgomery Malls, \$84,000. Call Simon or Judy, 299-8414 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Portable Compaq SLT Laptop 286 model 20 computer w/640K memory, Hayes 2400 baud int. modem, carrying case, extra battery, WordPerfect 5.0, DOS 3.3, and Microsoft Works, \$3,000. Call Lacoe Alltop, 694-8884 (V), x240 days or 695-2942 (V) eves.

FREE: Deaf cat to good home, white, longhaired male, neutered, has all shots, about 2 yrs. old. Call Ellen Struck, 524-5915 (V) days or 641-0468 (V) eves.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD). INFORMATION RESOURCES LIBRARIAN

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Department
INSTRUCTOR, SIGNING EXACT ENGLISH: Department of Sign Communication

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